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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



*[The Editor is not responsible for opinions expressed in this Department.]*

### TWO QUERIES

#### I.

DEAR EDITOR: Will some nurse who has had charge of a private patient suffering from aphasia please tell some of her experiences with him?

New Jersey.

R. N.

#### II.

DEAR EDITOR: Would some of the readers of the JOURNAL explain the operation for varicose veins and possible complications, also a nurse's duties.

Iowa.

E. R.

### JOURNALS ON HAND

DEAR EDITOR: I have subscribed for the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING since 1905. I should be glad to dispose of my copies to any nurse or nurses desiring back numbers.

741 S. Div. Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

SISTER M. ODILO.

### OCCUPATIONS FOR OLDER NURSES

[A Reply. In response to Middle Age in the April JOURNAL we quote from a personal letter received at the editorial office, in which a nurse who is incapacitated for active nursing by illness tells of some of the ways in which she makes her nursing knowledge of use in supporting herself.—Ed.]

"I have thus far been able to support myself, by careful planning. As I am obliged to sit during much of my work the kinds of employment are necessarily somewhat limited. I make and sterilize dressings and other surgical and obstetrical supplies, for many doctors and patients in different parts of this state; I have made many entire 'uniforms' (except caps) for nurses; made fine lingerie; copy lectures and other classroom work for teachers in our schools, and the medical school; copy MSS., for literary people; do copying and recording for three lawyers and registrar of deeds; cook fancy cakes and desserts for the local caterer, and for families; and prepare considerable MS., of my own, for different magazines and newspapers.

"I am at work on the MSS., for two books, which I hope to have ready for the publishers before autumn."

### AROUND THE WORLD LETTERS

[Extracts from letter dated December 20th.]

DEAR EDITORS: Singapore proved to be one of the most beautiful cities we have visited. The approach from the water is most attractive, picturesque islands with red-roofed houses, native servants, and Englishmen in spotless